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**10. Other:**

(2) In appellants' section " III. STATUS OF CLAIMS", appellants have failed to list the status of all the claims 1-180, specifically canceled claims 81-90, 95-100, 102-103, 108-130 & 132-139 are not listed.

(4) In applicants' Summary, appellants have failed to properly cite page & line numbers for all features in the independent claims, nor where appropriate have they cited the reference characters from the figures cited. Note that for all 12 independent claims, the only page and line number cited is page 12, lines 22-23, which merely states that "an active-matrix circuit for driving a liquid crystal device is produced", thus only referring to a product produced, not limitations of the process that makes it. Particularly see MPEP 1205.02 (v).

(10) While not a compliance issue *per se*, it is noted that **objections** to the claims are not an appealable issue, as they are not **rejections**, i.e. while providing the clarifications as discussed in the objection in section 3 of the action mailed 11/17/2006 would improve the readability of the claims, the claims are considered understandable & defined with respect to the issues discussed therein, hence those issues do not cause any indefiniteness, without the corrections, which is why they are objections, not rejections. Nor is it considered that making such corrections would in any way affect the scope of the claims.

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